

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

DATE: April 24, 2007

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM: George W. Burgess
County Manager

Agenda Item No. 12(B)6

SUBJECT: Report of Proposed Expenditures for the Law Enforcement Trust Fund

The Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf) consists of seized monies and the proceeds from the sale of certain forfeited property received from both Federal Asset Sharing and State Forfeiture Proceeds. The LETf for Miami-Dade County was established by the Board of County Commissioners and must be used for law enforcement purposes which are not budgeted. Allowable purposes may include: to defray costs of protracted or complex investigations; to provide additional technical equipment or expertise; to provide matching funds to obtain federal grants; or for other law enforcement purposes. The funds are administered in compliance with Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) policies, statutory requirements and federal guidelines.

The allocation of LETf funds adheres to a process as part of the MDPD standard operating procedures. Department entities submit LETf Project requests to the MDPD Assistant Director and LETf Committee Chairperson. The requests are reviewed by personnel in the Fiscal and Planning Bureau to ensure compliance with LETf requirements. The LETf Committee, comprised of the Assistant Directors of the MDPD, reviews those requests which meet program requirements and recommends selected projects for funding. The recommendations are reviewed by the Police Legal Bureau for legal sufficiency and a fiscal report is prepared by the Fiscal and Planning Bureau. The package is approved by the Director prior to the report being presented to the Board of County Commissioners.

PROPOSED ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES (Law Enforcement Trust Fund)

1. **Crime Prevention Programs** **\$247,125**
Funds will be utilized for a variety of crime prevention programs that are conducted by the Community Affairs Bureau. These programs include residential and commercial security surveys, the Miami-Dade Police Department Crime Prevention Display Vehicle, "Don't Let Alcohol Be Your Last Taste of Life," Citizens' Police Academy, Mobile Helicopter Simulator, Turn Around Police Academy, DUI Mobile Educational Center, Police Educational Robot, and "Join A Team, Not A Gang." The programs focus on providing assistance to the community to enable citizens to enhance their personal safety. Funds will be used for personnel related costs, educational materials, and supplies needed to support these programs. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Crime Prevention Programs).
2. **22nd National Conference on Preventing Crime In the Black Community** **\$ 3,000**
The 22nd National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community, sponsored by the Attorney General of Florida, is scheduled for May 30 through June 2, 2007, in Orlando, Florida, and is hosted by the Orange County Sheriff's Office. The conference fosters communication and action among practitioners, through the sharing of innovative ideas and prevention strategies that have been successful in the black community. Funds will be used for support costs to help promote the conference. This expenditure will be funded by State Asset Sharing Funds (*Other Law Enforcement Purposes*).
Note: This proposed expenditure is time sensitive due to conference date.

3. **Northside District Investigations** **\$100,000**
Funds will be utilized to conduct proactive and enhanced investigative operations throughout the Northside District. This district has experienced an increase in Part I crimes including shootings, robberies and burglaries. A coordinated approach will be used from the General Investigation Unit, Specialized Services Unit, Neighborhood Resources Unit, and Uniform Patrol. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
4. **Gun Bounty Program** **\$239,740**
Crime Stoppers of Miami-Dade County will conduct a program aimed at reducing gun violence and related crime through the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County. The program, to be conducted in partnership with Miami-Dade Police Department, will confiscate guns possessed illegally in a public place. A protocol will be used that has been successfully implemented in other cities, such as Charleston, South Carolina and Jacksonville, Florida. Funds will be used for advertising, program materials, brochures, rewards and other related program expenses. The standard reward for most police bounty programs is \$1,000. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Crime Prevention Programs).
5. **Cutler Ridge District Investigations** **\$100,000**
Funds will be utilized to conduct complex criminal investigations and deterrent operations throughout the Cutler Ridge District. With the current rapid construction coupled with population growth, the District has experienced an increase in Class 1 crimes. Targeted crimes will be evaluated by District crime analyst and provided to the General Investigations Unit. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Protracted/Complex Investigations).
6. **District Auto Theft Prevention Program** **\$ 30,000**
Funds will be used to implement a technical equipment based project. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching equipment kits will be purchased and assigned/utilized at several districts including Northwest, Northside, Midwest, Cutler Ridge, Kendall, Intracoastal, Airport, Hammocks and Police Operations Bureau. VIN etching is a proven method of reducing auto thefts; endorsed by the Florida Attorney General's Office and the auto insurance industry. The equipment will enhance the Districts' ability to help citizens protect their property and reduce the number of auto thefts that occur in Miami-Dade County. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Technical Equipment).
7. **Intergovernmental Bureau Investigations** **\$ 49,680**
Funds will be utilized to purchase technical equipment for complex environmental investigations. The equipment will be used to conduct surveillance and document environmental crimes scenes for evidence and proper documentation for presentation at the State Attorney's Office and for judicial proceedings. Funds will be provided from Treasury Asset Sharing.
8. **Intergovernmental Bureau Underwater Recovery Unit**
Operation Ever-Flow (OEF) **\$ 66,138**
Funds will be utilized to conduct environmental investigations involving the dumping of vehicles, vessels, drums, construction debris and any other items that have been illegally dumped in local waterways which pose an immediate environmental threat. Emphasis is placed on those activities that can be

harmful to our waterways and underground natural water filtration system. Investigations will be coordinated with federal agencies, and County departments. Funds will be used for overtime. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing (Other Law Enforcement Purposes).

9. **Intergovernmental Bureau Medical Crimes Unit** **\$ 50,000**
Funds will be utilized to enhance investigations of public health crimes as relates to the unlicensed practice of medicine. Investigations include the unlicensed practice of regulated healthcare providers, as well as, the identification of businesses and individuals that engage in healthcare related activities for which they are not licensed or permitted to conduct. Funds will be used for overtime expenses. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Protracted/Complex Investigations).
10. **Court Services Bureau Background Investigations** **\$100,000**
Funds will be utilized for costs associated with background investigations and operations conducted to reduce the backlog of Enforceable Writs, such as Evictions, Executions of Civil Orders and Domestic Violence Injunctions (DVI). The primary purpose of this initiative is to effectively strengthen the Court Services Bureau service to the community and judicial system. Personnel will conduct extended service of process attempts without impacting normal operations. Also, police services will be increased at the courthouses for high profile cases to ensure safety of public and court personnel. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Other Law Enforcement Purposes).
11. **Electronic Document Management System**
Central Records Bureau and Systems Development Bureau **\$450,000**
Funds will be utilized to complete the implementation of the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) in the Central Records Bureau and other Department entities. This system allows law enforcement personnel 24-hour access to records and improves services to citizens obtaining necessary law enforcement records. Funds will be used for the purchase of equipment and overtime for personnel. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing funds (Other Law Enforcement Purposes).
12. **Special Patrol Bureau Marine Patrol** **Unit Equipment** **\$ 54,191**
Funds will be utilized to purchase equipment for a vessel that was awarded to the Miami-Dade Police Department by the Eleventh Judicial Circuit as a result of a forfeiture action. With these funds, the vessel will be placed into beneficial service for the Department and community. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Technical Equipment).
13. **Community Affairs Gun Buy Back/Gunlock Giveaway Event** **\$ 21,900**
Funds have been requested by Miami-Dade Police Department Police Athletic League (PAL) to support the additional 292 gift cards needed as rewards for the event conducted November 4, 2006. Due to the overwhelming success of this event, rain checks were issued to citizens who turned in their firearms after the initial allotment of gift cards had been exhausted. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Crime Prevention Programs).

14. **Public Corruption Investigations Bureau - Investigations** **\$100,000**
Funds will be utilized for protracted investigative expenses, including overtime and specialized equipment. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
15. **Robbery Bureau Operation STOP** **\$104,184**
(Street Terror Offender Program)
Funds will be utilized to conduct a proactive and complex investigation. Operation STOP has been assigned as the lead investigative entity and coordinator of a multi-bureau/agency task force formed to conduct this investigation. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
16. **Robbery Bureau Cargo Crimes Section Investigations** **\$100,000**
Funds will be utilized for proactive and follow-up investigations for long-term investigations targeting organized interstate and intrastate shipment of goods, large-scale warehouse burglaries, armed warehouse invasions, and armed truck hijackings. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
17. **Sexual Crimes Bureau**
Convicted Offender DNA Non-Compliance Clearinghouse **\$100,000**
Funds will be used for the continued investigation of cold cases and the Convicted Offender DNA Non-Compliance Clearinghouse (CODNC). The CODNC Unit actively works on offender files. Cases which were previously deemed unsolvable are revisited with the new DNA evidence. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
18. **Sexual Crimes Bureau Internet Crimes Against Children** **\$100,000**
Funds will be used for protracted investigations conducted by the Sexual Crimes Bureau Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit to combat on-line sexual predators. The Bureau works in collaboration with LEACH, Law Enforcement Against Child Harm Operational Task Force. The goals of the task force are to successfully identify, apprehend and prosecute child molesters, child pornographers, collectors and distributors, child abusers, and preferential sexual offenders who target children; also, prevention of victimization and sexual exploitation of children. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses to current technology and training to conduct these investigations. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Protracted/Complex Investigations).
19. **Sexual Crimes Bureau Jessica Lunsford Act (JLA)** **\$100,000**
Funds will be used for protracted and complex investigations of sexual predators and offenders who target children victims within Miami-Dade County. These investigations are part of a coordinated response by the Sexual Crimes Bureau in response to, and compliance with, new state requirements and County ordinances with regard to tracking and monitoring sexual predators and offenders. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Protracted/Complex Investigations).

20. **Annual National Black Police Association (NBPA) Educational and Training Conference** **\$50,000**
Funds will be used to co-host the Annual National Black Police Association (NBPA) Educational and Training Conference being held in Miami, Florida, August 12 through August 19, 2007. The conference showcases successful programs and promotes a positive exchange of ideas. Of particular interest are approaches to problems associated with juvenile crime and increasing the levels of police-community relations. Funds will be used for training materials, speakers, publications, portable office equipment rentals, and other conference related expenses. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Other Law Enforcement Purposes).
21. **Narcotics Bureau Investigations** **\$100,000**
Funds will be utilized to enhance narcotics investigative operations throughout Miami-Dade County where the possession, sale, and/or distribution of selected narcotics are occurring. Funds will be utilized for investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Treasury Asset Sharing Funds.
22. **Narcotics Bureau Operation Special Delivery** **\$ 50,000**
Funds will be used to conduct protracted and complex investigations through daily domestic interdiction operations at local parcel services. The focus will be enforcement activities on drug trafficking and the illegal transportation or smuggling of currency. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
23. **Narcotics Bureau Marijuana Hydroponics Investigations** **\$ 50,000**
Funds will be used to conduct protracted and complex investigations targeting marijuana hydroponics laboratories and related money laundering investigations within Miami-Dade County. Investigations will be conducted in coordination with other federal agencies and County departments. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
24. **Narcotics Bureau Investigations of Crime Stoppers of Miami-Dade County Tips** **\$50,000**
Funds will be used for protracted and complex investigations of narcotics tips received from concerned citizens of Miami-Dade County. Crime Stoppers of Miami-Dade County has forwarded over 1,400 narcotic related tips to the Narcotics Bureau from concerned citizens. These tips have proven to be extremely important in relation to a variety of narcotics investigations. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Treasury Asset Sharing Funds.
25. **Narcotics Bureau Tactical Narcotics Team (TNT) Command Post Vehicle** **\$100,000**
Funds will be used to purchase a Command Post Vehicle for use as a daily off-site mobile command post during operational and critical incidents. The mobile command post will be enhanced with equipment to facilitate the coordination of daily TNT operations and other high priority situations for the Department. Funds will be used to purchase the vehicle and related equipment. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing (Other Law Enforcement Purposes).

26. **Narcotics Investigations within 1,000 Feet of Public Schools** **\$150,000**
Funds will be used to conduct narcotics operations in Unincorporated Dade County in locations that are within 1,000 feet of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. There are approximately 50 schools in Unincorporated Miami-Dade County that are affected by narcotics activity within 1,000 feet. Funds will be used for overtime and related investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing (Protracted/Complex Investigations).
27. **Warrants Bureau Operation Dragnet** **\$100,000**
Funds will be used for protracted investigations for the execution of warrants and apprehension of subjects through "Operation Dragnet." "Operation Dragnet" will be coordinated through the Department in conjunction with Police Services and municipal police departments to target individuals with outstanding warrants within their districts and/or jurisdictions. Funds will be used for overtime and related investigative expenses for Miami-Dade Police Department only (i.e. funds will not support municipal police officer expenses). Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing (Other Law Enforcement Purposes).
28. **Strategic and Specialized Investigations Bureau** **\$ 50,000**
Juvenile Prostitution
Funds will be used for protracted and complex investigations involving interstate child prostitution. This investigation, in coordination with over 13 cities across the United States, targets individuals and organizations involved in the sexual exploitation of children for purposes of prostitution throughout Miami-Dade County. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing.
29. **31st Annual Training Conference of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives** **\$25,000**
Funds will be used to support the 31st Annual Training Conference of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, scheduled for July 27, 2007 through August 1, 2007, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The conference is designed to provide an exchange of positive ideas and offers constructive alternatives to problems in the law enforcement field to work more effectively. Training highlights current topics of interest to law enforcement, especially prevention strategies which have been successful in other parts of the country. Funds will be used for administrative support costs such as printing, brochures, materials, etc. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Other Law Enforcement Purposes).

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

PROPOSED JUSTICE ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES	\$ 654,184
PROPOSED STATE ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,987,094
PROPOSED TREASURY ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES	\$ 199,680
Total Recommended Amount	\$ 2,840,958

I, Robert Parker, Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department, do hereby certify that the aforementioned request for expenditures from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund complies with the provision of Section 932.7055, Florida Statutes and applicable guidelines related to equitable sharing of federal assets.



ROBERT PARKER
Director

4/3/07
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